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From the White Elephant Game to Congressional Committee
Assignments: Valuing Traded Goods

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Abstract: If we loosen some of the rules of the White Elephant gift exchange game, we can create a version of the game that mirrors the exchange of seats on standing committees in the House of Representatives. The mathematical question of this talk is: how can we accurately ascribe values for traded goods based solely on exchange data and/or stated preference data. The answer when applied to House of Representatives gives insight into the nature of the polarization in congress around the appropriations process (or at least that's what Political Scientists tell me).



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